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Patrick named CFO and VP for Administration

President Wayne D. Andrews announced Tuesday, Oct. 16, that Beth G. Patrick has been named MSU's chief financial officer and vice president for administration. Patrick was selected after a national search.

MSU top ranked college for 9th year

MSU has been recognized for the ninth consecutive year as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2013 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report. The newest rankings include MSU as 23rd in the Top Public University-Master's/South division.

MSU named military-friendly school

For the fourth straight year, MSU been named a "Military Friendly School" by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. This places MSU once again in the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.



Space Science Program receives 2012 Vision Award

MSU's Ronald G. Eaglin Space Science Program received the 2012 Vision Award for Education from Bluegrass Tomorrow. Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, director of the Space Science Center and chair of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, along with MSU officials were on hand to accept the award in Lexington on Friday, Oct. 26.

"I am delighted to accept this award for Space Science Center faculty, staff and students," said Dr. Malphrus. "The Space Science Center is unique in that all of our major space programs are implemented by teams that include aerospace industry and international partners working closely with our staff and particularly with our students--undergraduate students are intimately involved in the design, fabrication, testing and on-orbit operation of our space assets.

This has been a momentous year for space science. In 2012, the program managed four major space missions in various stages of completion--a nanosatellite entirely built at Morehead State University, a microsatellite developed with partners from the University of Rome (scheduled to launch from Russia in 2013), a cubesat built for the U.S. Department of Defense (with aerospace industry partners including Radiance Technologies, Honeywell International, and Tethers LLC.), and a fempto-class satellite designed and built by Professor Bob Twiggs and his students, that when it flies in 2013, will be one of the smallest satellites ever flown.



KCTM officially opens new facility

MSU officially expanded the possibilities for its Kentucky Center for Traditional Music by celebrating the opening of the center's larger and improved facility at a ribboncutting ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 20.

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music has moved to 185 E. Main Street, formerly home to the Rowan County Public Library. The center, which was designed by Ross-Tarrant Architects Inc., of Lexington, cost an estimated \$3.5 million to build between the purchase of the land and property and renovation.

The new facility has space for the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music's various academic programs, offices, practice rooms, a recording studio and the traditional music archives. Raymond W. McLain, director of the Kentucky Center of Traditional Music, said that the center archives contains more examples of traditional music than the Smithsonian Institute, with much of its content digitized and fully accessible to the general public. Visitors also can utilize a workroom containing four work/listening stations and a climate-controlled storage room to properly preserve and store the center's numerous music artifacts.

The new center also will be home to a new major. In addition to students being able to obtain a minor in traditional music, they can obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music – Traditional Music. The program received approval by the National Association of Schools of Music this past summer and was approved by the MSU Board of Regents and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

Hartke-Towell receives Governor's Award in the Arts

Christina Hartke-Towell, instructor of violin and viola, was awarded the 2012 Governor's Awards in the Arts in Education on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort. Hartke-Towell, who also directs the 40-member MSU and Community Orchestra, is the founder, director and teacher of the Lucille Caudill Little String Program in the Rowan County Schools.



Pannuti recognized as KAS Distinguished University Scientist

Dr. Thomas Pannuti, associate professor of space science and astrophysics, was named Distinguished University Scientist at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science. The award was based on Dr. Pannuti's long-standing body of work as a research astrophysicist. His research involves multi-wavelength observations of Galactic and extragalactic supernova remnants and studies of the discrete X-ray source populations in nearby galaxies. He utilizes the MSU 21 Meter Space Tracking Antenna, as well as other ground-based observatories (the Karl Jansky Very Large Array as operated by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory), and space telescopes (Chandra and XMM-Newton) in his work.

Saxophone Quartet wins first place

MSU's student ensemble, Ambrym Saxophone Quartet, won first place in the Kentucky Music Teachers National Association Chamber Music Competition. The group performed selections including transcriptions and original works.

Career Fair sets record

When MSU held its annual Fall Career Fair, nearly 80 organizations, including employers and graduate schools attended. More than 300 students, alumni, and community members networked with employers and graduate programs with the hope of landing an interview.

